

when the earth bound by the icy fetters of winter will take on the beautiful garb of spring, and all nature remind us of the resurrection state as she wakes from her winter sleep.

In our last report to EVANGELIST, we stated that we had dedicated a new church at Langdondale, built as a union house, and that we thought there was an opening for mission work. On Monday, February 4, we begun a meeting and continued until February 22, holding seventeen services, and as an immediate result there were nineteen confessions, fifteen were received by baptism and two by relation. We had a glorious meeting with much opposition, yet God gave us the victory. Like Paul at Ephesus, "A great and effectual door was opened to us, yet there were many adversaries." Only two members of the church resided here, Brother and Sister Fredinnick, who kindly cared for us during the meeting, and also our organist, Miss Florence Price, who led in the music most of the time gratuitous, for which she has our thanks. Brother and Sister Fredinnick rejoiced to see their number swelled to near a score. This does not tell it all, others are coming soon.

Ten of the sermons delivered were purely doctrinal, which aroused a Spirit of investigation and like the "Bereans" they searched the scriptures to see whether these things were so. A query box was placed near the pulpit for the reception of queries, and a number were received and answered, and quite an interest aroused.

We are now giving them a service every two weeks; making us five congregations to serve, and giving each a service every two weeks. This congregation is twenty-two miles from our house, and none of our congregations can be reached by rail.

"Praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

J. R. KELLER.

Martinsburg, Pa.

Hudson, Iowa

Hudson church is steadily tho sometimes we may think rather slowly, marching forward. Since our last report our pastor, E. L. Hildebrand, has expressed a desire to give up the work here, for a time at least, after April 1. Brother Hildebrand has worked long and faithfully at this place. He is well liked and has been instrumental in doing much good in our church and community. Should he and his wife really give up the work at this place the well wishes and fraternal love of the church will go with them.

Three dear young girls from the Sunday-school were recently buried in baptism. We trust they arose to walk in the Redeemer's foot-prints. Our pastor previously reported these as confessions.

MARY DITEZ.

Millersburg Ia., Church

It is not my purpose to give the readers of this paper the church news from this place, which will probably be done by Brother Myers.

I was called there by Brother Myers to dedicate their new church which has just been completed. I went last Sunday but on account of the terrible rain and snow storm the dedicatory services had to be postponed indefinitely. I am informed that here were the first Brethren in Iowa who seceded from the G. B's., in the person of brother John A. Myers their present pastor. Brother Myers soon gathered about him a small band of others who were dissatisfied with the arbitrary rulings of the local and general G. B. councils, and the little church standing in a favored spot above the English River is a sign of what one consecrated man can accomplish when he has staying qualities.

The little building is a very neat house, well finished, with good furniture. The Brethren here have long worshipped in a school house. But now since a church home seems to indicate that they are in the work to stay, they seem to have a bright future before them.

I was very delightfully entertained by the families of brother John A. Myers and Brother Henry

Sanger. Brother Sanger is the father of sister Ada Sanger now in school at Ashland whom some of us have had the pleasure of meeting at conference, and whose purpose is to do some kind of public work for God and the church, once she is prepared.

The more I go among our churches in this district the more I see the need of praying that prayer more earnestly, "Lord, send more laborers into the harvest." Churches at Leon, Udell, Brooklyn, Aurelia and Marcus, Iowa, and at Auburn, Caffein, and Cornell, Illinois are without regular pastors and many of them without preaching at all. With such a condition existing, they must die. They are churches any two of which could support a pastor, with proper effort by the Mission Board. There are other places crying for some Brethren preacher to come and organize them into churches. It is my opinion that our Mission Board should look after the securing of pastors, if possible, for these weak churches. In one or two of them there has been difficulty, but that ought not be allowed to ruin a whole church. Brethren of Illiokota, let us not allow this pastorless state of the churches to continue.

J. L. GILLIN.

Waterloo, Ia., 724 Wellington St.

South Western Ohio Notes

Fairview Church is added to our work for the next ecclesiastical year. We shall give our first service, as pastor in Fairview, April 1. The praise of this people is in all the churches.

Bear Creek—good, faithful, stalwart—Bear Creek is making marked progress. Members attentive to duty, and earnest in service. We shall serve this church another year.

West Alexandria is enjoying a season of evident growth. The work is much revived. This is our home church, and a very agreeable one. We will be pastor here also during the next year.

Farmersville deserves the highest commendation. Only a few members, but all honest, active, whole-souled. My work at this appointment was most pleasant, as can be imagined when my co-workers, C. A. Coler, Joshua Gilbert and Frank Day, are announced.

So one year of our work in Ohio has nearly passed, and, as far as my own pastorate is concerned, I have an absolutely favorable report to offer. The minister and his family surely have the affectionate regard and confidence of the people. We pray that the next year may show even a better work.

The Winchester church was not a part of the pastorate. I served this appointment, by request of the church, for the unexpired term of Brother Keim, and was not a candidate for re-election. In fact there is entirely too much work in our district for the number of available ministers; or else, the "clergy" being left to arrange their own fields, the larger fall to a few men. At Winchester five applicants for baptism, who were converted during our late meeting, will be referred to the incoming pastor. I should have said that we expect to still look after the interests of the Farmersville congregation.

J. C. MACKAY.

West Alexandria, Ohio.

Communion Notice

The First Brethren church of Pittsburg, Pa., will hold their quarterly communion on Thursday, March 28, beginning at 8:00 P. M. All of like faith are cordially invited to a seat at our Father's table.

ROGER E. DARLING, Pastor.

Caffein Ill.

Sunday evening closed a ten days' meeting at this place. Brother Studebaker of Litchfield and Brother Cornish of Woburn were with us and preached the words of eternal truth.

Owing to sickness many were kept at home. The saints were much encouraged and, we trust, the seed sown will bring forth fruits abundantly. A few days' meeting in connection with the ordi-

nation service held at Woburn, resulted in one accession to the church and others near the kingdom.

Altho somewhat isolated, the Lord is with us, and we press on, looking unto Jesus the author and the finisher of the Christian's faith.

ETTA STUDEBAKER.

Dallas Center, Iowa

The Brethren church at Dallas Center is in need of a minister. Any one that can fill the vacancy should correspond with either of the following persons: Martin Bassert, Conrad Grief, or J. F. Row.

Brain Dust

Hold up the hands of your pastor.

The devil looks after the young.

Card playing makes work for undertakers.

When professors of religion play cards the devil wins the game.

A bad life can not be wiped out by the preacher's enlogy.

President McKinley and wife could do better than lead a ball. Lucy Hayes in the face of nations refused to serve liquor in the White House.

Bashor did good work in Hamlin. Baptisms await us for coming appointment. Am glad to leave a church with members coming in; that is about the way to do.

Bashor is the same Bashor, only better than he use to be. He preaches better, and that is saying much. He is in tune with the divine, hence makes sweet music.

If Ashland college wants \$50,000 endowment as she ought to have, let Bashor be employed to go out and get it for her. He can do it, if any man can, I nominate him for the work.

The church north of Hamlin, unless great changes come soon, will be useless. Seven families have moved away. About two families remain. One young brother suggests it be sold and the money put into Ashland college. Some "two-by-four" saints are howling for its sale now in order to get back the five dollars they put in it, but it is the property of the Brethren church, of which the congregation at Hamlin form the larger part. Let them sell it to the Conservative brethren and send the money to Ashland.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Married

BARKHIMER—SELL—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Conemaugh, Pa., March 10, 1901, Mr. Harvey Barkhimer and Annie M. Sell, by the undersigned. May they live long and happy.

J. F. KOONTZ.

STETSER—CASSEL—At the home of bride's parents in this city, Howell L. Stetser and Miss Florence Edith Cassel, were united by me in holy wedlock on the eve of March 2, 1901. The bride is niece of brother J. C. Cassel, well known to all. Both are estimable young people, members of the church of Philadelphia. With them go the best wishes of their many, many friends, as they mutually bear the burdens of life as a single stream, flowing on to the ocean.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Philadelphia, Pa.

HOLL—GEHRET—At the home of brother and sister Jno. Greyer in this city, Paul H. Holl and sister Emma B. Gehret were united in the bonds of holy matrimony on the eve of March 14, 1901. The best wishes of their many friends go with them, as, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, they proceed with united fortunes upon the pathway of life.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

Philadelphia, Pa.